

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-71 were filed in the present application. Claims 1-71 are subject to a Restriction Requirement. After entry of this Response, claims 58-71 are elected for prosecution on the merits.

B. Response to the Restriction Requirement

The claims are restricted into three groups. Applicants elect Group III for prosecution on the merits. The claims of Group III are directed to a kit comprising a composition, a dispensing device and instructions. Each of the kit claims 58-71 fall within Group III.

The election of the claims of Group III is made with **traverse**. The claims emerge from a common inventive concept; a method of depositing a hydrophobic agent, a method of increasing oil repellency by depositing a hydrophobic agent and a fluoropolymer and a kit comprising a composition, a dispensing device and instructions. The Applicants respectfully submit that searching the method of depositing a hydrophobic agent, the method of increasing oil repellency by depositing a hydrophobic agent and a fluoropolymer and the kit comprising a composition, dispensing device and instructions would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If, however, some issue remains which the Examiner feels may be addressed by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the rejections. If some issue remains which the Examiner feels may be addressed by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

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or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03 2270.

Respectfully submitted,
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